CGHS beneficiaries were allowed to take treatment in 24 private hospitals recognised under CGHS Delhi as per Dept. of Health's O.M. dated 18.9.96. In November, 2000, tenders were called for fresh recognition of private hospitals under CGHS Delhi on the basis of which 55 private hospitals/diagnostic centres were recognised *vide* Dept. of Health's O.M. dated 7.9.2001.

As Sir Gangaram Hospital, New Delhi, Sunderlal Jain Hospital, New Delhi, Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre, New Delhi, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, New Delhi, Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, New Delhi and Dharamshila Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, New Delhi, did not agree to the revised rates along with the terms and conditions offered by the Government in the tender document for fresh recognition, the said hospitals could not be considered for recognition and therefore were not included in the said O.M. dated 7.9.2001. However, *vide* orders dated 25.10.2001, it has been decided for the benefit of CGHS beneficiaries that they can take treatment in these hospitals but reimbursement shall be restricted as per the package deal rates given in the Department of Health's earlier O.M. dated 18.9.96. Subsequently, Batra Hospital and Medical Research Centre, New Delhi and Dharamshila Cancer Hospital &Research Centre, New Delhi had subsequently agreed to the revised ceiling rates of CGHS and signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) consequently upon which both these hospitals have been recognised under CGHS *vide* Dept., of Health's O..M. dated 15.3.2002.

Setting up of hospital waste management

4088. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has set any deadline for setting up of hospital waste management in hospitals, clinics, etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guidelines have been issued in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests have notified the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. As per the provisions of Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling)

(Amendment) Rules, 2000, the schedule/deadline for setting up for treatment facilities like incinerator/autoclave/microwave system is as under :—

A	Hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakh and above	By 30th June, 2000 or earlier.
B	Hospitals and nursing homes in towns with population of 30 lakhs:—	
	(a) with 500 beds and above	By 30th June, 2000 or earlier
	(b) with 200 beds and above but less than 500 beds	By 31st December, 2000 or earlier
	(c) with 50 beds and above but less than 200 beds	By 31st December, 2002 or earlier.
	(d) with less than 50 beds	By 31st December, 2002 or earlier.
C	All other institutions generating bio-medical waste not included in A & B above.	By 31st December, 2002 or earlier

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have formulated the National Guidelines on Hospital Waste Management and circulated to all States/UTs on 19.3.2002 for further action. The guidelines have been prepared to enable each hospital to implement to implement the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste.

(Management and Handling) Rules by developing comprehensive plan for Hospital Waste Management, in terms of segregation, collection treatment, transportation and disposal of the hospital waste.

Spread of Ayurvedic knowledge

†4089. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a scheme to spread knowledge of Ayurveda to each and every person;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to undertake research on ancient prescriptions which are still in use in villages;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.